

B¹ 2. (Amended) The polypeptide of claim 1 that is a naturally occurring allelic variant of the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14.

3. The polypeptide of claim 2, wherein the variant is the translation of a single nucleotide polymorphism.

4. The polypeptide of claim 1 that is a variant polypeptide described therein, wherein any amino acid specified in the chosen sequence is changed to provide a conservative substitution.

29. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

32. A kit comprising in one or more containers, the pharmaceutical composition of claim 29.

Add new claims 44-48 as follows:

44. (New) A method of producing the polypeptide of claim 1, the method comprising culturing a cell under conditions that lead to expression of the polypeptide, wherein said cell comprises a vector comprising an isolated nucleic acid comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:13.

B² 45. (New) The method of claim 44 wherein the cell is a bacterial cell.

46. (New) The method of claim 44 wherein the cell is an insect cell.

47. (New) The method of claim 44 wherein the cell is a yeast cell.

48. (New) The method of claim 44 wherein the cell is a mammalian cell.
